at various storage Depots of the State Trading Corporation which holds and operates the stocks on behalf of the Central Government.

(c) Demand has been received from a number of States/UTs. for allocation of imported edible oil for PDS and orders for release of the oil have been issued accordingly.

(d) Does not arise.

Demand to Repeal Essential Commodities Act

5809. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a growing demand to repeal the Essential Commodities (Special Provision) Act, 1981;

(b) whether Government propose to repeal the Act; and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Representations are received from time to time from trade organisations for repealing of the Essential Commodities (Special Provision) Act, 1981. There has been no demand for repealing of the Act from any State Government/UT Administration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Policy for PDS

5810. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national policy for implementing a new uniform public distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Advisory Council on Public Distribution System (PDS), in its meeting held on 21.3.93, had set up a Committee of Ministers of Food and Civil Supplies in States Governments to give their recommendations for formulating a National Policy on PDS in the country. The committee of Ministers, has among other things, made the following observations:—

(i) In a country as large and diverse as India, a rigidly uniform system of PDS cannot be implemented.

(ii) Unless the relatively better off sections are excluded from entitlement to PDS foodgrains, the poorer households cannot be provided with more foodgrains.

(iii) All States/UTs should implement the principle of exclusion of the relatively better off categories so that access to PDS can be restricted to the needy and deserving sections of the society.

These recommendations have to be considered in consultation with the State Governments/UTs.

Inadequate supply of Sugar to FPS in Delhi

5811. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to inadequate supply of sugar to the Fair Price Shops in Delhi and other parts of the country, the consumers were not able to get their quota

from the Fair Price Shops during December, 1994 and January, 1995 onwards; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken/proposed to be taken to supply full quota of sugar to the Fair Price Shops during the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that adequate supply of sugar could not be made to a number of Fair Price Shops during December, 1994 and January, 1995. No such specific complaint was received from any other State Government/UT Administration during the same period.

(b) Reluctance of the fair price shop owners in Delhi to accept imported sugar and problems of co-ordination between Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation are reported to be the reasons for inadequate supply of sugar to Fair Price Shops in Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that they have taken over the distribution of levy sugar from FCI with effect from March, 1995. The validity period for lifting of sugar quota for December, 1994 and January, 1995 was suitably extended by the Central Government.

Subsidy on Food Items to Super Bazar

5812. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to the Super Bazar by Government on food items has been increased during 1994-95 and 1995-96 in comparison to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase made therein and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the per quintal economic cost of rice, sugar and other foodgrains evaluated by the Super Bazar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Super Bazar has not received any subsidy from the Government in respect of food items.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

सुपर बाजार की लेखा-परीक्षा रिपोर्ट

5813. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या 1993-94 और 1994-95 के वर्षों के लिए सहकारी भण्डारों (सुपर बाजार) की लेखा-परीक्षा रिपोर्ट सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी गई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इसमें कुछ अनियमितताओं तथा कमियों की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसमें हुई वित्तीय अनियमितताओं के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए लेखा-परीक्षा पूरी कर ली गयी है;

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) से (घ) सुपर बाजार की वर्ष 1993-94 की लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट को सुपर बाजार की आम सभा द्वारा 22.4.95 को हुई अपनी बैठक में अनुमोदित कर दिया गया था। संसद के दोनों सदनों के पटल पर रखने के लिए उक्त रिपोर्ट अभी सरकार को प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ङ) जी नहीं।

(च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।